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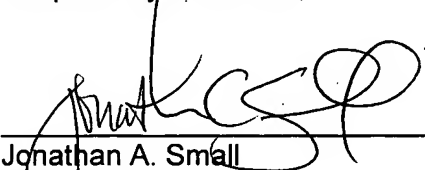
This request for continuing examination is filed following an adverse decision of appeal, pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 706.07(h)XI. The Decision on Appeal was mailed to Applicant on June 21, 2006. Applicant has not filed a request for rehearing, an appeal from the BPAI decision, nor a civil action in federal district court.

Applicant has cancelled the appealed claims, and submitted new claims 4-12. The art cited in the appealed final rejection (USP 5,862,220 to Perlman and USP 6,095,413 to Tetro et al.) has been considered, and it is asserted that new claims 4-12 are patentably distinct therefrom based on the limitations those new claims contain.

Applicant asserts that all claims pending in this application now distinguish over the prior art and are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant request removal of the finality of the rejection of this application, and consideration and allowance of new claims 4-12.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-941-4470.

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